**To:** Fritz, Matthew[Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]

From: Hague, Mark

**Sent:** Sun 10/25/2015 12:58:06 AM

Subject: Fwd: Brush fire at West Lake Landfill

Matt

Our on call osc is on the way to St. Louis. We should have people on site in morning for a first hand EPA assessment.

We've pushed out a statement to media, congressional and the mayor of Bridgeton. We'll continue monitor. We'll have everyone connect in the morning for an assessment. State will be on that call.

Thanks.

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Purchia, Liz" < <u>Purchia.Liz@epa.gov</u>> **Date:** October 24, 2015 at 6:50:06 PM CDT **To:** "Carey, Curtis" < <u>Carey.Curtis@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: "Hague, Mark" < Hague.Mark@epa.gov >, "Harrison, Melissa"

< Harrison. Melissa@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Brush fire at West Lake Landfill

Thanks

Liz Purchia U.S. EPA 202-564-6691 202-841-2230

On Oct 24, 2015, at 7:48 PM, Carey, Curtis < Carey. Curtis@epa.gov > wrote:

Thanks Liz,

Here's the final version of our statement after consultation with MDNR.

## **EPA Statement**

A small grass fire occurred on property near the Bridgeton Landfill and West Lake Landfill. The Pattonville and Robertson Fire Districts quickly extinguished the fire. The fire did not come in contact with any radiological material buried at the West Lake Landfill.

Although there are no reported impacts, EPA has deployed emergency response personnel to assess the situation and determine the need for any sampling. We continue to work closely with local and state government partners to protect public health from the contaminants buried at the landfill.

From: Purchia, Liz

**Sent:** Saturday, October 24, 2015 5:06 PM **To:** Hague, Mark < <u>Hague.Mark@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Carey, Curtis < Carey. Curtis@epa.gov >; Harrison, Melissa

< Harrison. Melissa@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Brush fire at West Lake Landfill

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/firefighters-extinguish-small-brush-fire-at-west-lake-landfill/article 2cca097f-8e7d-5881-9163-d5c378c3b89f.html

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On Oct 24, 2015, at 5:38 PM, Hague, Mark < Hague, Mark@epa.gov > wrote:

Our oscs are engaged and getting mobile. We have people stationed on St. Louis. I'll alert once I have more info at 6 edt

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2015, at 4:33 PM, Purchia, Liz < Purchia. Liz@epa.gov > wrote: Is what Matt sent the latest? Are media aware? And what is our role in the response? Liz Purchia U.S. EPA 202-564-6691 202-841-2230 Begin forwarded message: From: "Meiburg, Stan" < Meiburg. Stan@epa.gov > Date: October 24, 2015 at 5:28:58 PM EDT **To:** "Fritz, Matthew" < Fritz. Matthew@epa.gov> Cc: "Adm13McCarthy, Gina" < Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>, "Purchia, Liz" <<u>Purchia.Liz@epa.gov</u>>, "Grantham, Nancy" <<u>Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov</u>>, "Harrison, Melissa" < Harrison. Melissa@epa.gov>, "Stanislaus, Mathy" < Stanislaus. Mathy@epa.gov>, "Breen, Barry" < Breen. Barry@epa.gov>, "Natarajan, Nitin" <Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov>, "Distefano, Nichole" <<u>DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov</u>>, "Hague, Mark" <<u>Hague.Mark@epa.gov</u>> Subject: Re: Brush fire at West Lake Landfill Thanks for the heads up. Has there been much media coverage? Stan Sent from my iPhone On Oct 24, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Fritz, Matthew < Fritz. Matthew@epa.gov > wrote: Good afternoon everyone, I just hung up with Mark H.

The state has contacted him about a brush fire that broke out today at the landfill
The fire was reported around 3 PM Eastern time. It appears to have started near
the base of the landfill and ran up the side.

The is now OUT.

It appears that NO operable units were impacted.

Mark has mobilized some resources and the state is responding. The process of assessing the reach of the brush fire is underway and the will begin the data collection process - ascertaining whether or not the brush fire created impacted the operable units.